



# MINERAL COUNTY

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Gordon Hendrick, HD 14  
Montana House of Representatives  
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EXHIBIT 6  
DATE 2/2/11  
HB 352

RE: In opposition to House Bill 352 - Revise Laws Relating to Water Quality Standards

Dear Gordon:

The proposed legislation could have a serious negative impact on public health and safety within Mineral County. We have approximately 20 public water supplies that could utilize this exemption.

The public water supply not only provides drinking water but water for all aspects of safe food handling that includes processing, preparation and hand washing. If the source of water is contaminated, then those procedures will all be potentially contaminated.

Mineral County does not have a source for bottled water and this would bring into question the source of any bottled water. The bill has no specific provisions for who could provide bottled water, the source and what standards they would be held to. The additional monitoring required by local environmental health departments would be a further burden.

Please consider this bill as not in the best interest of Mineral County residents and our many visitors. Your support in opposing this bill would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Tim Read, R.S.*

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